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I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement on Kashmir issued on 24 June 1999 by the Presidency of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dieter KASTRUP
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Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: English and French]

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on Kashmir

The EU recalls its previous statements on Kashmir and reiterates the deep concern expressed by the Heads of States and Governments of the G8 in Cologne at the continuing military confrontation in Kashmir following the infiltration of armed intruders in the Kargil region which violated the line of control. The European Union calls for the immediate withdrawal of the infiltrators and urges both countries to work for the immediate cessation of fighting, to fully respect the line of control and to prevent further transborder infiltration. To reduce tensions in the region India and Pakistan should show maximum restraint and resume the dialogue in accordance with bilateral commitments and the Lahore Declaration.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus and Malta and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this declaration.